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ESTIMATED COST OF EXHUMATION OF REMAINS IN THAILAND IS DOLLARS 25 (\$25.00) BECAUSE OF THE RECENT U.S. MILITARY DRAWDOWN IN THAILAND, CERTAIN FACILITIES PREVIOUSLY AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ARMY MORTUARY SER-

VICE AT CAMP SAMAESAN HAVE BEEN CURTAILED. RPELIMINARY PREPARATION OF CREMAINS MUST BE DONE LOCALLY. THE CREMAINS CAN THEN BE TRANSPORTED FROM UTAPAO VIA FIRST AVAILABLE MILITARY AIRCRAFT FACILITIES TO THE PHILIPPINES FOR FINAL PREPARATION AND TRANSPORT TO THE UNITED STATES. THE OVERALL COST REMAINS THE SAME, THAT IS APPROXIMATELY \$800 TO THE WEST COAST. BUT THE TIME ELEMENT VARIES DEPENDING ON PLANE SCHEDULES, ETC. IN INSTANCES WHERE CREMAINS ARE DESIRED TO BE RETURNED TO THE U.S. WITH LEAST DELAY, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS COMPLETE LOCAL EMBALMENT, PREPARATION FOR SHIPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION VIA COMMERCIAL AIRFREIGHT. THE ESTIMATED COST TO THE WEST COAST IS APPROXIMATELY \$1850. DETAILS ON THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS AND COSTS WILL BE SUBMITTED WITH THE ANNUAL MAY 1 REPORT.

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